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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

 (currently amended) A method for forming LED, comprising the steps of: forming an LED epitaxial layer on a provisional substrate; etching said LED epitaxial layer to form LED chips by means of photolithography;

forming a reflecting layer on said LED chips; forming a metal layer on said reflecting layer; removing said provisional substrate to expose surfaces of said LED chips; forming pads on said surfaces of said LED chips; and separating said metal layer to form individual LED chips by means of mechanical force.

- 2. (original) The method in claim 1, wherein a material of said reflecting layer is Ag, Al, Rh, Pt, Pd, Ni, Ti, Co, Au, or the combination thereof.
- (original) The method in claim 1, wherein said metal layer is formed by means
 of electroplating, electroless plating, chemical vapor deposition, or the
 combination thereof.
- 4. (original) The method in claim 1, wherein said metal layer is formed by means of a physical vapor deposition.
- 5. (original) The method in claim 4, wherein said physical vapor deposition is evaporation, sputtering deposition, or the combination thereof.
- 6. (original) The method in claim 1, wherein said provisional substrate is removed by means of polishing, etching, laser ablation, or the combination thereof.
- 7. (original) The method in claim 1, wherein a material of said metal layer is Cu, Al, Ni, Mo, W, Ag, Au, Ti, Co, Pd, Pt, Fe, or the combination thereof.

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8. (original) The method in claim 1, wherein a thickness of said metal layer is more than 30µm.

- 9. (original) The method in claim 1, wherein a thickness of said metal layer between said every two LED chips is 5-30µm.
- 10. (currently amended) A method for forming LED, comprising the steps of: forming an LED epitaxial layer on a provisional substrate; forming a reflecting layer on said LED epitaxial layer; forming a metal layer on said reflecting layer; etching said LED epitaxial layer, said reflecting layer, and said metal layer to form LED chips by means of photolithography; removing said provisional substrate to expose surfaces of said LED chips; and forming pads on said surfaces of said LED chips.
- 11. (original) The method in claim 10, wherein a material of said reflecting layer is Ag, Al, Rh, Pt, Pd, Ni, Ti, Co, Au, or the combination thereof.
- 12. (original) The method in claim 10, wherein said metal layer is formed by means of electroplating, electroless plating, chemical vapor deposition, or the combination thereof.
- 13. (original) The method in claim 10, wherein said metal layer is formed by means of a physical vapor deposition.
- 14. (original) The method in claim 13, wherein said physical vapor deposition is evaporation, sputtering deposition, or the combination thereof.
- 15. (original) The method in claim 10, wherein said provisional substrate is removed by means of polishing, etching, laser ablation, or the combination thereof.

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16. (original) The method in claim 10, wherein a material of said metal layer is Cu, Al, Ni, Mo, W, Ag, Au, Ti, Co, Pd, Pt, Fe, or the combination thereof.

17. (original) The method in claim 10, wherein a thickness of said metal layer is more than $30\mu m$.